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2. A Nationalist air attack on a Communist stockpile at Shenchuan (114-08, 22-32), on the Sino-British border, caused the loss of cargo worth Hong Kong (HK) \$2,000,000 which was waiting rail transport to Canton. This included 2,000 55-gallon drums of gasoline, 2,000 rolls of gunny sacking, industrial chemicals, kerosene, flour, raw rubber and medical cotton. These goods, which were destined for the Communist 4 Field Army, were owned by the South China Trading Company, a firm organized by Kwangtung Governor YEH Chien-ying to purchase supplies in Hong Kong for the Communists.
3. The attack was announced in advance by Nationalist pamphlets warning inhabitants to get away from the railhead. The Shenchuan population moved across into British territory in large numbers, and returned immediately after the attack. The Nationalist bombing destroyed only military objectives, showing previously unknown skill and causing a local rumor that the pilots were not Chinese.

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Comment. This may refer to Chungshan (113-36, 22-22).

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